Walk-In Mock Interviews - Design

Choose around 7 questions that you would like to go over with the Career Assistant or you can ask the Career Assistant to choose 7 questions to ask you at random. We recommend practicing the portfolio questions, a design challenge, and a few field specific questions.

**Background**

- What is Human Ecology? What is (major)? Why did you choose this design program?

**Behavioral**

- Where do you see yourself in the next 5 years?

- Describe your last experience working on a team. What would your teammates describe as your strengths?

- How do you give your design a “compelling case for change”?

**Portfolio**

- What is your favorite project in your portfolio? What was your role on this specific project? What was your favorite and least favorite parts of this project you worked on?

- Can you show me a project that you worked on in a team? What unique skills and roles did you play in this project?

- If you were to do this project again, what would you do different and what would you keep the same?

**Design Challenges**

- Library readership has decreased dramatically over the last 15 years. How would you reverse that?

- How would you design an elevator system for a building with 10,000 floors?
Strategy

☐ How might you go about convincing a client about your design?

☐ Tell us about a time when you had to convey technical information to a non-technical audience. How did you do it? What was the outcome?

☐ What type of design or planning are you most interested in and why? Healthcare, Office, Retail, Hospitality, etc.

Interior/Architecture Firm

☐ Who are your favorite architects/designers and how have they influenced your designs?

☐ Tell us about a time when you worked to better understand the specific needs of a client group/customer.

Research and Development

☐ Explain your scorecard for a design or service.

☐ What’s more important, data or instinct?

Final Questions

Do you have any questions for me?

Interview Behavior

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Tips: Be yourself and be confident! Check out our Interview Tips and Questions resource as well as our Preparing for Phone and WebEx Interviews resource. Feel free to schedule a full-length mock interview three business days in advance with a career assistant.